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RE: New U.S. Application for Letters Patent entitled
"COMMUNICATIONS RELAY DEVICE, COMMUNICATIONS RELAY
METHOD, COMMUNICATIONS TERMINAL APPARATUS AND
PROGRAM STORAGE MEDIUM"
Applicant(s) Masaaki Isozu, et al.
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Under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.41(c), I am filing the attached application, including 20 claims (4 independent), 13 sheets of drawings (Figs. 1-13) and the filing fee of \$824.00 on behalf of

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and request that the application be assigned a serial number and filing date pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) and 37 C.F.R. §1.53(d).

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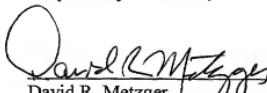
SIR:

Between the title and the heading "Background of the Invention" on page 1, insert the following:

--RELATED APPLICATION DATA

The present application claims priority to Japanese Application(s) No(s). P2000-369793 filed December 5, 2000, which application(s) is/are incorporated herein by reference to the extent permitted by law.--

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